



IDAHO POTATOES

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PROCESSING

Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used 40,790,000 cwt. of 1999 crop raw potatoes to February 1, 4 percent less than a year ago. Idaho potatoes contributed 33,640,000 cwt. of the total potatoes processed, the remaining 7,150,000 cwt. were produced in other states. Processing in Idaho, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Oregon, Washington and Wisconsin totaled 105,895,000 cwt. of raw potatoes to February 1, 3 percent less than the comparable period last year.

POTATOES USED FOR PROCESSING.^{1/} EIGHT STATES, 1998 AND 1999

STATE	STORAGE SEASON	TO OCT 1	TO NOV 1	TO DEC 1	TO JAN 1	TO FEB 1	TO MAR 1	TO APR 1	TO MAY 1	TO JUNE 1	ENTIRE SEASON
<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>											
Idaho & Malheur Co., Ore. All Potatoes	1998-99	10,410	19,190	27,510	34,700	42,670	51,210	60,040	68,550	76,410	92,860
	1999-00	11,620	20,310	27,970	34,490	40,790					
IDAHO Potatoes	1998-99	6,990	14,660	22,730	29,390	37,090	45,110	53,150	60,980	67,970	83,390
	1999-00	7,210	14,500	21,820	27,900	33,640					
Maine ^{2/}	1998-99			1,430	1,935	2,530	2,985	3,595	4,180	4,705	5,945
	1999-00			1,375	1,670	2,310					
Wash. & Other Area, Ore.	1998-99	18,610	26,700	33,630	38,890	45,650	53,290	60,930	67,180	74,190	83,730
	1999-00	19,040	26,820	33,440	39,620	45,500					
Other States ^{3/}	1998-99			11,615	14,550	18,150	20,900	24,710	27,855	31,635	37,662
	1999-00			11,785	14,495	17,295					
TOTAL (8 STATES)	1998-99			74,185	90,075	109,000	128,385	149,275	167,765	186,940	220,197
	1999-00			74,570	90,275	105,895					

1/ Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the state in which the potatoes were produced. Does not include quantities used for potato chips in Maine, Mich., Minn., N. Dak. or Wis. 2/ Includes Maine grown potatoes only. 3/ Mich., Minn., N. Dak. and Wis.

STOCKS

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers and processors in Idaho on February 1 totaled 76,500,000 cwt., 1,000,000 cwt. less than on hand February 1, 1999. Disappearance, at 56,830,000 cwt., is down from last year's 60,500,000 cwt. and below 1997's 59,314,000 cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southwest Counties totaled 6,300,000 cwt., above last year's 5,200,000 cwt. The Other Counties' stocks, at 70,200,000 cwt., was 2,100,000 cwt. below the amount stored on February 1, 1999.

The "Root Mean Square Error" for the February 1, 2000 Idaho Potato Stocks estimate is 5.7 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the current estimate of 76.5 million cwt. will not be above or below the final estimate by more than 5.7 percent or 4.4 million cwt. Chances are 9 out of 10 (90 percent confidence interval) that the difference will not exceed 9.8 percent or approximately 7.5 million cwt.

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UNITED STATES POTATO STOCKS DOWN 2 PERCENT

The 15 major potato States stocks totaled 206 million cwt. down 2 percent from a year ago and 3 percent below two years ago. Storage accounted for 49 percent of fall production, down 1 percentage point from a year ago. Disappearance from the start of harvest to February 1 totaled 215 million cwt. this season, up 1 percent from last year and 7 percent above two years ago.

The Three Eastern States stored 13.7 million cwt. of potatoes on February 1, 2000, up 6 percent from a year ago but 8 percent below two years ago. Maine's holdings were up 8 percent, New York's were the same, but Pennsylvania's stocks were off 6 percent from last year.

The Six Central States accounted for 41.7 million cwt. of potato stocks this February, down 13 percent from 1999 and 6 percent below 1998. Minnesota's stocks dropped by 32 percent and North Dakota's stocks fell 30 percent from last year. Michigan and Wisconsin were up 7 percent each.

The Six Western States held 150 million cwt. of potatoes in storage on February 1, 2000, up 1 percent from last year but 2 percent below 1998. Oregon's stocks were up 18 percent from a year ago, but were mostly offset by a 4 percent decline in Washington and a 1 percent dip in Idaho. Colorado's stocks were up 6 percent and Montana's were up 5 percent.

FALL POTATOES: PRODUCTION & STOCKS 1994-99 IDAHO & 15 FALL STATES

CROP YEAR	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS						
		DEC 1	FOLLOWING YEAR					
			JAN 1	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 1	MAY 1	JUN 1 2/
IDAHO	1,000 Cwt.							
1994	138,801	100,500	89,500	78,000	68,000	55,000	39,500	
1995	132,657	96,000	85,000	73,500	62,500	49,500	36,000	
1996	142,800	102,000	92,000	82,000	70,000	56,000	41,000	
1997	140,314	102,000	91,500	81,000	69,500	56,000	41,500	
1998	138,000	99,500	89,000	77,500	66,000	52,000	37,000	23,000
1999	133,330	96,000	86,000	76,500				
15 STATES 1/								
1994	410,839	273,290	238,560	202,470	169,570	129,825	87,600	
1995	394,785	256,710	223,550	189,360	156,020	115,855	75,870	
1996	443,704	295,100	261,320	226,080	189,210	147,635	103,210	
1997	413,513	278,830	246,550	212,562	175,870	134,190	92,840	
1998	423,170	280,910	246,230	209,640	173,650	131,220	87,895	50,270
1999	420,567	274,370	238,160	205,780				

1/ See table below for listing of 15 states. 2/ Stocks not available prior to 1998.

PRODUCTION AND TOTAL STOCKS OF FALL POTATOES HELD BY GROWERS, PROCESSORS AND LOCAL DEALERS ON FEBRUARY 1, 1999 AND FEBRUARY 1, 2000

STATE	CROP OF 1998			CROP OF 1999		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS FEBRUARY 1, 1999	FEBRUARY 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS FEBRUARY 1, 2000	FEBRUARY 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
	<u>1,000 Cwt.</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>1,000 Cwt.</u>		<u>Percent</u>
California	3,708	2,000	54	4,005	2,200	55
Colorado	25,360	14,200	56	25,762	15,100	59
Idaho	138,000	77,500	56	133,330	76,500	57
Maine	18,060	10,500	58	17,813	11,300	63
Michigan	14,648	5,400	37	14,963	5,800	39
Minnesota	21,170	10,500	50	18,020	7,100	39
Montana	3,180	2,850	90	3,325	3,000	90
Nebraska	8,175	2,900	35	8,904	3,250	37
New York	7,290	1,500	21	6,758	1,500	22
N. Dakota	28,670	15,000	52	26,400	10,500	40
Ohio	1,200	90	8	987	80	8
Oregon	26,229	15,800	60	28,020	18,600	66
Pennsylvania	3,360	900	27	3,080	850	28
Washington	93,225	36,500	39	95,200	35,000	37
Wisconsin	30,895	14,000	45	34,000	15,000	44
15 STATE TOTAL	423,170	209,640	50	420,567	205,780	49